### Annual Reporting for High-Cost Recipients 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6) and (h)

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October 11, 2012

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Ms. Karen Majcher Vice President – High Cost Low Income Division Universal Service Administrative Company 2000 L Street NW, Suite 200 Washington, D.C. 20036

RE: WC Docket No. 10-90: Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, WC Docket No. 11-42

Pursuant to Section 54.313 and 54.422 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules and in accordance with the guidance of the Public Notice issued August 6, 2013, enclosed is the 2013 annual report and certifications for Windstream Study Area Code 351167 located in Iowa.

This filing contains a redacted (200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice) form. The information that was redacted is considered Confidential by the FCC and would cause Windstream to reveal proprietary information and trade secrets and cause damage to its competitive position.

Should you have any questions, please contact me via email at <u>jeff.l.heacox@windstream.com</u> or by phone at 501-748-5390.

Sincerely

Jeff Heacox

Staff Manager Compliance Reporting

Enclosures

Cc: Applicable State Public Utilities Commissions, State Public Service Commissions, and Tribal Governments

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	m 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting	ACC Rim CMB-Cor 1917-1913	rel No. 3048 ASRs/OM& Control No. 2003-0619
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<015>	Study Area Name	Windstream Communications, Inc.	Received & Inspected
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	with questions about this data	7-11-	FCC Mail Room
<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030	501-748-5390 >	
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ANNESSA	E REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS		54-313 54:422 Completion Completion Required Required
<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	(check box when complete)
<200> <210>	Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<b>✓</b>
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<320> <330>	Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)		
<b>\330&gt;</b>	Detail on Attempts (broadband)	(attach descriptive document)	
<400> <410>	Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice	e)	<b>✓ ✓</b>
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<500>	Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection	Rules Compliance (check to indicate certification)	<b>✓</b> ✓
<510>	351167IA510	(attached descriptive document)	<b>/</b>
<600>	Functionality in Emergency Situations 3511671A610	(check to indicate certification)	
<610> <700>	Company Price Offerings (voice)	(attached descriptive document)	
<710>	Company Price Offerings (voice)  Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)	
	Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet) (complete attached worksheet)	
	Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	
	Voice Services Rate Comparability	(check to indicate certification)	
<1010>		(attach descriptive document)	
<1100>	Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)?	(if not, check to indicate certification)	
<1110>	<b>9</b>	(complete attached worksheet)	
<1200>	Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	
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	ervice Quality Improvement Reporting diection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OM8 Co July 2013	introl No. 3060-0819
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no ) <b>O</b>	
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(ves / no ) OO	
<112>	report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.  Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your of CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.	company is a  Name of Attached Document (.pdf)	
	Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.	( <b>4.2.</b> )	
<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets		
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received		
<115>	How (USF) was used to improve service quality		***
<116>	How (USF)was used to improve service coverage		F(
<117>	How (USF) was used to improve service capacity		~
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.		eived & OCT 24 C Mall
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date 1/1/2013	

<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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<703>	State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Residential Local Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Windstream Iowa Communications, Inc.	
<811>	Holding Company	Windstream Corporation	
<812>	Operating Company	Windstream Iowa Communications, Inc.	

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<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves		Meskwaki Sac and Fox Tribe			
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation		351167IA920			
\320>	The Government Engagement Obligation		Name of Attached Document (.pdf)			_
	If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:		_			
<921>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;	Select (Yes,No, NA)				
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<923>	Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;	Yes	1			
<924>	Compliance with Rights of way processes	Yes	1			
<925>	Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements	Yes	1			<b>3</b> 7
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<927>	Compliance with Environmental Review processes	Yes	1	8	0	Ğ
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<929>	Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.	Yes		FCC Mall Room	OCT 2 4 2013	Received & Inspected
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<1120>	Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)			
<1130>	Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)			

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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	Name of attached document (.pdf)		
<1220>	Link to Public Website	HTTPhttp://www.windstream.com/About-Us/Lifeline-Applications/		
	"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:			
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,			
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,			
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.			
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CHECK th	ne boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America	Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offse ne information reported on this form and in the documents attached		Connect America Phase II
	Support as Set total in 47 Crn y 34.313(b),(c),(d),(e) t	ne information reported on this form and in the documents attached	d below is accurate.	
	Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting			
<2010>	2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1))			
<2011>	3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)}			
	Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))			
<2012>	2013 Frozen Support Certification			
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	Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))			
<2016>	Certification Support Used to Build Broadband			
	Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))			
<2017>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification			
<2018>	5th year Broadband Service Certification			
<2019>	Interim Progress Certification			
<2020>	Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 2021,			
	contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recip	ient		
	of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses o	·		
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	service in the preceding calendar year.			
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CHECK t	he boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuar CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that th	nt to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring he information reported on this form and in the documents attac	
	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan		
(3010)	Milestone Certification $\{47\ CFR\ \S\ 54.313\{f\}(1)\{i\}\}$ Please check this box to confirm that the attached PDF , on line 3012,	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3011)	contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.		
(3012) (3013) (3014)	Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	(Yes/No) (Yes/No)
(3016)	PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		
(3017) (3018)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	(Yes/No)
(3018)	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains :		(res)(to)
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications		
(3020)	PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<u>_</u>
(3021)	Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.		
	If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:  Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a		
(3022)	format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers,		
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		
(3025)	PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	

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#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ecipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on thi	ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service suppo form and in any attachments is accurate.
Name of Reporting Carrier: Windstream Communications, Inc.	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 10/11/2013
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Tim Loken	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Director Regulatory Reporting	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 501-748-7442	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 351167	Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013

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#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

certify that (Name of Agent) is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.				
Name of Authorized Agent:				
Name of Reporting Carrier:				
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:			
Printed name of Authorized Officer:				
Title or position of Authorized Officer:				
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:				
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:			

#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent A	Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipien	s on Benair of Reporting Carrier
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Attachments

### FCC Form 481 Line 310 - Unfulfilled Voice Telephony Service Requests Resolution

Study Area Code:

351167

Windstream Iowa Communications,

Study Area Name:

Inc.

Year:

2012

Date the Request		How service was attempted/Reason it was Unfulfilled
was Held	Name of Exchange	( If fulfilled, the date it was fulfilled)
10/17/2012	Prescott	Unfulfilled due to lack of cable facilities. Engineered, WO issued, waiting for contractor to finish construction. Completed:2/1/2013
10/23/2012	Redfield	Unfulfilled due to lack of cable facilities. Waiting on OSP Engineer to review.  Completed:1/23/2013  Unfulfilled due to lack of cable facilities. Waiting on OSP Engineer to review.
12/17/2012	Thurman	Completed:1/11/2013
12/19/2012	Cresco	Unfulfilled due to lack of cable facilities. Waiting on OSP Engineer to review.  Unfulfilled due to lack of cable facilities. Engineered, WO issued, waiting for
12/3/2012	Dunlap	contractor to finish construction.  Unfulfilled due to lack of cable facilities. Engineered, WO issued, waiting for
12/3/2012	Logan	contractor to finish construction. Completed:2/6/2013

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## FCC Mall Room Line 510-Description of Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection:

The Windstream ILEC companies certify that they comply with applicable state and FCC service quality standards.

- 1. Service quality metrics are monitored and reviewed each month
- 2. Windstream is founded on integrity. All employees are required to complete a course on integrity each year.
- 3. Windstream employees have at their disposal our People Practices Overview Course which is a general overview of the guidelines that govern all Windstream employees.
- 4. Windstream's CPNI training manual documents when personnel are, and are not, authorized to use CPNI. This Manual constitutes Windstream's policies and procedures related to CPNI. All employees are required to follow the policies and procedures specified in this manual.
- Windstream IT has in place numerous measures to insure the integrity of the network and the customer data that resides on the network. The network is monitored 24/7 and periodic reviews of the security processes are performed.
- 6. Windstream makes every attempt to achieve one-call resolution on customer invoice issues.
- 7. Windstream has developed a program to help spot the Red Flags of identity theft, which is consistant with the FTC's guidelines, and has procedures in place to mitigate the potential damage of identy theft.
- 8. Windstream has implemented our Customer Account Protection Plan (CAPP) to provide increased security against unauthorized changes (cramming) to customer accounts. This plan requires third-party carriers to have a customers passcode to change the customers service or or access the customers account information.

#### Line 610 – Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations

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Windstream certifies that it is compliant with applicable rules on service provision in emergency situations. Windstream central offices are designed to withstand limited commercial power failures through the use of emergency batteries supplemented by on site or portable generators. Windstream personnel perform routine maintenance on this essential equipment based on the manufacturer's service recommendations and Windstream service practices. The backup batteries are load tested routinely and the on site generators are tested monthly.

Windstream's network is engineered to handle traffic spikes that can occur as the result of emergency situations. The network is monitored 24/7 by our Network Operations Center ensuring quick response whenever and where ever it is needed. Network redundancy is built into our network where ever possible to ensure alternate routing is available when necessary.

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Windstream Communications Kerrville, LLC	442097	
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Windstream D & E, Inc.	170165	
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Cavalier Telephone Corporation		
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FDN Supra, LLC		
Gabriel Communications Finance Company		
Heart of the Lakes Cable Systems, Inc.		
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Hosted Solutions Raleigh, LLC		
Huntsville Data Link, LLC		
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Lexcom, Inc.		
Lexington Data Link, Inc.		
Louisville Data Link, Inc.		
McLeodUSA Information Services LLC		
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McLeodUSA Purchasing, L.L.C.		
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PaeTec Softward Corp.		
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PCS Licenses, Inc.		
Progress Place Realty Holding Company, LLC		
RevChain Solutions, LLC		
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SM Holdings, LLC		
Southwest Enhanced Network Services, LP		
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Valor Telecommunications Enterprises Finance Corp		
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Tim Loken

Director – Regulatory Reporting Tim.p.loken@windstream.com (501) 748-7442 (501) 748-6583 (fax)

October 18, 2012

Frank Blackcloud, Chief Meskwaki Sac and Fox Tribe 349 Meskwaki Rd. Tama, IA 32339

Re: Request for Meeting to Discuss Telecommunications Facilities and Needs Assessment on Tribal Land as required by the Federal Communications Commission

Dear Chief Frank Blackcloud:

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") recently issued an Order requiring telephone companies to reach out to Tribal governments in their service areas to discuss tribal communication needs including the following: a needs assessment, deployment planning with a focus on tribal community anchor institutions, feasibility and sustainability planning, marketing services to the tribal community, rights of way processes, land use permitting, facilities siting, environmental and cultural preservation review processes, and Compliance with tribal business and licensing requirements.

In addition, the FCC's Office of Native Affairs and Policy ("ONAP") issued a Public Notice on July 19, 2012 providing additional guidance regarding the engagement with out to tribal governments stating:

This guidance is intended to "lead to a common understanding between Tribal governments and communications providers receiving USF support, on the deployment and improvement of communications services on Tribal lands. The Tribal engagement obligation is intended to benefit Tribal government leaders, service providers, and consumers living on Tribal lands, ultimately providing greater connectivity to 21st century economic opportunities, education, health care, and public safety. This obligation is related to the very essence of universal service – facilitating and supporting connectivity to and from the most remote areas of our nation inures to the benefit of all. Requiring Tribal engagement is intended to begin and, in some cases, to strengthen, the dialogue between communications providers and Tribal governments. We anticipate that genuine dialogue and common understandings will ultimately lead to improvement of communications services on Tribal lands."

We would like the opportunity to schedule a time to meet with you and other tribal officials to discuss tribal communication needs, marketing opportunities to the tribal community, right of way processes, land use permitting, facilities siting, and environmental and cultural preservation.

I will in the area next week from October 24 through the 26<sup>th</sup>. Would you be available to meet during this time?

Please contact me at 501-748-7442 to schedule a meeting time.

I look forward to hearing from you and the opportunity to discuss these important issues.

Sincerely,

Tim Loken

Director – Regulatory Compliance Windstream Communications

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### Sac and Fox Tribe of the MI in Iowa Engagement Agenda

#### October 25, 2012 10:00am

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- 1) Review FCC Order
- 2) Objective of meeting
- 3) Current service information
- 4) Coordination of facilities
- 5) Marketing

Agenda items:

- a) Suggestions on how to market to community
- b) Deveopling materials separately or jointly
- c) Other issues
- 6) Right of way
  - a) Land use permitting
  - b) Facilities siting
  - c) Environmental review process
  - d) Other issues
- 7) Tribal Business and Licensing Requirements
  - a) Business licensing requirements
  - b) Other discussions
- 8) Other discussions
- 9) Follow-up on action items

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### Minutes of the Sac and Fox tribe of the Missippi in Iowa (Meskwaki) Tribal Engagement October 25, 2012

Objectives of the meeting – The FCC is now requiring that telecom providers engage with tribal communities that we serve. A copy of the July 19, 2012 Public Notice was provided (DA-12-1165).

This will allow for a more open dialog between Windstream and the MeskwakiTribe, to understand, understand the Tribe's needs, facilities and services that are important for the Meskwaki Tribe. The FCC requirement is to incent telecom providers to have open and honest discussions on needs, problems and build a working relationship between Windstream and the Meskwaki Tribe.

We appreciate the Tribes willingness to meet and disucss these issues.

In summary, the FCC requires Windstream to:

- 1) Needs assessment and deployment planning particularly with Tribal community anchor institutions like schools, libraries, government offices, and community centers.
- 2) Feasibility and sustainability planning what can we do practical and reasonable with certain types of build out
- 3) Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner trying to ensure that marketing process taking into account specific needs.
- 4) Rights of way, land use permitting process with BIA have experience in this- need input from you on your needs
- 5) Tribal license requirements or permits identify permit requirements as needed is there a specific process that we should be adhering to.

#### Discussion of Tribes needs assessment, feasibility and sustainability planning.

- Currently Windstream is providing broadband to the entire settlement area with 12Meg service to a portion of the settlement near the casino and 1.5Meg to the remainder of the settlement.
- The Meskwaki Tribe initiated a federal broadband project to lay fiber to the school, tribal center, the health clinic, and 196 homes. This project should be completed in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2012.
   This is primarily in the areas where Windstream is currently providing 12Meg service
- Windstream is also providing a 200 Meg fiber circuit to the settlement health clinic. The Meskwaki Tribe is utilizing this circuit to deploy broadband to the anchor institutions and homes mentioned above.
- Windstream identified the best way to obtain service is to call 611 on your phone. This will route
  the call to the proper location to be able to initiate service

#### Discussion of Meskwaki's Deployment Planning

There are no issues at the moment. The 200Meg circuit was recently tested at 185Meg. This circuit should be in use by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Marketing in a culturally sensitive manner

• The Meskwaki Tribe has not initiated marketing of the fiber service.

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- The Meskwaki Tribe would like to know if Windstream would communicate this information in the Windstream customer bills. This will be looked into and a response provided to the Tribe.
- The Meskwaki Tribe leaders would like Windstream to provide a Lifeline/Link-up informational flyer for the Tribe members. The flyer to be available at anchor institutions and to emphasize a line is available for each economic unit (even if within the same residental location).

#### **Rights of Way**

- There is no clear indication as to what Windstream lines are live vs. abandoned. The Meskawaki
  Tribe leaders would like information to be able to identify valid lines going into the tribal office,
  or other institutions.
- Does Windstream have any documentation regarding rights of way that were established? The tribe was not able to locate any.

#### **Business and licensing requirements**

- Windstream currently does not have a business license. Windstream will work with Ram Dhanwada to obtain the required information to compelte the form.
- Tribal exemptions for federal and state taxes some customers are paying taxes where they should be exempt. Windstream will obtain information showing the customers that have not completed the proper exemption form and provide that to Ram Dhanwada.
- Windstream will also look into whether a form is required if all of the customers within the 641-484 exchange are within the Tribal settlement and are members of the Meskwaki Tribe.

#### Other Items

<u>Partnering with Windstream</u> – The Meskwaki Tribe is interested in partnering with Windstream to set up a phone company similar to what has been done with a number of other Tribes within the country. Windstream will look into this request.

#### **Action Items**

- 1. Tim Loken to provide listing of customers that are paying taxes but should be exempt and whether a form is required for all customers.
- 2. Tim Loken to determine whether a text message can be provided to customers that can utilize the Tribe broadband servcie.
- 3. Tim Loken will provide a Lifeline/Link-up Flyer to the Tribe for distribution at anchor institutions.
- 4. Ram Dhanwada to provide the business license form
- 5. Roger Reker to provide a list of T1 circuits by address to assist in troubleshooting efforts
- 6. Tim Loken to address Meskwaki request to partner with Windstream to establish their own phone company

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#### Definition

A. Lifeline Service is a retail local service offering available to qualifying low-income residential customers and is provided pursuant to the FCC Order 12-11 released on February 6, 2012.

#### **Discounts**

A. The following credits will apply for customers deemed eligible for Lifeline assistance: Monthly Credit

Federal Credit \$9.25 State Credit to Residential Access Line Varies by state

B. The monthly discounted residential rate for qualified low-income customers may not be reduced below zero. Therefore, the credit amount defined in A. above shall not exceed the total of the subscriber line charge and the customer's normal residential local exchange service rate.

#### General

- A. The Company shall offer toll blocking to all qualifying low income customers at no charge at the time such customers subscribe to Lifeline service. If the customer voluntarily elects to receive toll blocking, the service shall become part of the customer's Lifeline service and all service deposits will be waived.
- B. Lifeline program rate reductions do not apply to long distance service or any other services (i.e., Custom Calling, CLASS, construction charges, etc.) which may or may not be tariffed. Customers may obtain such services, where available, at their discretion, although the Lifeline program rate reduction does not apply.
- C. Lifeline program service will not be available on a retro-active basis.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

- A. The Lifeline program rate reduction shall apply to one (1) telephone line per residential household, at the subscriber's principal place of residence. Service is limited to only one Service per qualified customer or household; within this section, 'household' is defined as "any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit," with an 'economic unit' defined as, "all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household."
- B. The service must be provided in the eligible customer's name.
- C. An applicant whose household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or who participate in one of the following programs:

Medicaid
Food Stamps
Supplemental Security Income
Federal Public Housing Assistance
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
National School Lunch's Free Lunch Program

D. The customer must sign, under penalty of perjury, a document certifying:

He/she is receiving benefits from one of the programs listed in C. above.

Name of the program(s) from which they are receiving benefits.

That he/she will notify the company if he/she no longer participates in the program(s) named in C. preceding.

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The applicant must also supply the name of the program(s) from which they are receiving benefits and provide documentation supporting participation in the program(s). That he/she will notify the company if he/she no longer participates in the program(s)named in C. preceding.

- E. Customers qualifying for Lifeline Service are offered the services or functionalities enumerated in 47 Code of Federal Regulations §54.101 (a) (1)-(8) (relating to Supported Service for Rural, Insular and High Cost Areas).
- F. The Company has certification processes in place which at the time of enrollment requires a documentation review that confirms the consumer's household eligibility. The Company will retain copies of the self-certification records of both the applicant and the Company. A Company officer will attest that these procedures are in place.
- G. The Company will annually verify the continued eligibility pursuant to the FCC Order 12-11 released on February 6, 2012.

#### Credits and Deposits

- A. The credit verification procedures available for all applicants who apply for service with the Company will also be used for applicants who apply for service under the Lifeline program.
- B. The deposit standards used for all applicants who apply for service with the Company will also be used for applicants who apply for service under the Lifeline Program with the exception that deposit requirements will be waived for Lifeline Service applicants who voluntarily elect to subscribe to toll blocking service.

#### Service Charges

- Service charges do not apply when eligible customers with existing residential service convert to Lifeline Service.
- B. A service order deposit is not applicable to customers who elect toll blocking when initiating Lifeline service.
- C. A service order charge does apply when:

At the time Lifeline Service billing is initiated, eligible residential local exchange access service customers also request additional optional calling features such as Custom Calling Features, CLASS features, etc.

Any subsequent moves or changes after the initial connection to Lifeline service are requested by the customer.

Service is established for new residential applicants (those without existing local exchange access service) eligible for Lifeline Service.

#### Payments and Disconnection of Service

- A. Lifeline service may not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges. In addition, the Company will not deny re-establishment of local service to customers who are eligible for Lifeline Assistance and have previously been disconnected for nonpayment of toll charges.
- B. Partial payments that are received from Lifeline customers will first be applied to local service charges and then to any outstanding toll charges.

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#### Windstream Residential Service Rates by Service Area Rates shown with and without state and federal Lifeline discounts applied

		Without Lifeline	Discounts	With Lifeline D	iscounts
Year	SAC	Low High		Low	High
2012	351167	\$16.58	\$45.23	\$9.35	\$38.00